



# The Grange

## NEWSLETTER

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### EVENTS

THREE CHEERS FOR THE NEWSLETTER! THIS IS ITS' FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND IN HONOUR OF THE OCCASION A NEW COLOUR, BLUE, HAS BEEN CHOSEN FOR THE COMING YEAR.

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DANIEL HYATT will present A CHRISTMAS TREAT in the Music Room of The Grange on December 8 from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. This is a repeat of the very successful Christmas Carol programme that was given in the Walker Court two years ago. Mr. Hyatt will provide a portable organ to accompany the singing. Refreshments will be served. It should be a happy occasion to bring friends and relations to. Tickets are \$4.00 for members. \$6.00 for non-members.

The last two AUTUMN LUNCHEON/LECTURES will be held in the Music Room of The Grange between 12 noon and 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7.00.

Wednesday, November 3, 1982 - Margaret Machell - former  
Curator of The Grange -  
Restoration of The Grange

Wednesday, December 1, 1982 - Andrée Accette and Lucienne  
Watt - Christmas Traditions

CANADIANA FOR THE COLLECTOR - ROM experts will discuss 18th and 19th century Canadian portraits, furniture, textiles, silver, pottery and glass in this series of illustrated lectures. Wednesdays, November 3, 10, 17 & 24 and December 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the ROM Theatre. Series tickets \$37.00. Call Continuing Education at 978-4514.

Has everyone picked-up their green sheets which outline Mary Aziz' plans for The Grange Christmas sale table in the East Lobby of the AGO? If you have not gotten one yet, they are in the wall holder with the Newsletter. Please remember that she wants to have items that will be a little bit of The Grange, so they should all be in keeping with the period. It might be a good idea to check with her before you go ahead with your contribution. Mary needs "helping hands" on Friday, December 10, Saturday, December 11 and Sunday, December 12. So please sign-up.

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### MISCELLANEOUS

The exhibition in the Music Room entitled THE GRANGE THROUGH THE EYES OF THE ARTIST,





will be changed on December 7 to Bartlett's in Canada.

Joan Watson expects to have her exhibition in The Grange corridor in early December. The display will include toys of years past, and will centre around the early period of The Grange.

SECURITY! It is a subject that is on the minds of many of us at The Grange. Kae Fogden has been very concerned and active while trying to establish a reasonable plan for all. As Kae says "You might think that we are lost and alone on this, but it is affecting each and everyone of The Gallery departments". There will now be a permanent security guard at the lower entrance to the West corridor. Every Volunteer has to show their badge to him before entering. If anyone forgets their badge, a temporary one can be obtained from the Security Desk, but it MUST be returned at the end of the day. A new sign is being prepared for the Front Lobby that will direct visitors to The Grange. Kae has also prepared a new system for a Docent to greet school groups etc. over at the Front Lobby.

Jane Dodge asks that all Volunteers try to read the Research papers that are in the Back Office of The Grange. These are papers that have been prepared and presented by some of our Volunteers on subjects that are pertinent to the period of The House. They are on shelves behind the door in black binders with Tuesday, Wednesday ... Study Group printed on them.

It has been decided that anyone who joins The Grange as a new Volunteer will have a four to six weeks training period before beginning to wear a costume. Your Day Captain will make arrangements for a fitting for you when it is time. Pat Allport is in charge of costumes.

Does anyone have any information on "Victorian love boxes"? A visitor asked about them. She believes that they were paper boxes that might have been hung on a Christmas Tree, but she is not sure.

Even "authorities" can be wrong at times. Audrey Saunders Miller editor of "The Journals of Mary O'Brien 1828 - 1838" on page 106, includes an entry for May 3 - Went into York to get gloves, a licence, and a clergyman. ... We called on Thomas Boulton and met there Mr. and Mrs. Robinson<sup>12</sup> who were very civil. NOTE #12 on page 298 reads. Mr. Robinson was likely John Beverley Robinson, the Chief Justice. His wife's maiden name was Boulton. Does anyone know the real maiden name of Mrs. John Beverley Robinson?

Two new books are being ordered for The Library, but someone might like to have them in their own collection. The first one is: Glass in Canada: the first 100 years by Gerald Stevens. It is the culmination of Gerald Stevens' career as the greatest authority on Canadian glass. The second one is: And some brought flowers by Downie and Hamilton. This is a delightful book with watercolour illustrations by Revell of some of the plants that our early pioneers and explorers found when they first came to Canada. It includes excerpts from diaries, letters and botanical notes. Britnells has both these books.

On a lighter note: Jane Dodge has a cute story to tell about buying postage stamps. She asked her local country postmistress for some, but because she had forgotten her glasses could not see them too well. But they vaguely looked like the Group of 7. When she said so to the woman, her reply was "No madame they only come in groups of 12"

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